

Yes, The Cooperative Program Is Scriptural

N. B.—The following article, written by Dr. C. B. Williams, is one of the strongest statements we have seen in regard to the Co-operative Program. This article is in tract form and can be secured in a limited volume from the Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

A Baptist Indian in Oklahoma met a missionary of the Home Mission Board at the station to take him up to the Baptist church to preach. The Indian pleaded, "You tell us what the Jesus Book says. We want you to stay a whole week and tell us what the Jesus Book says."

Our Baptist people, everywhere, in country and hamlet, in town and city, want to know what the Jesus Book says about the way they are asked to do their work. Is the Co-operative Program scriptural? Let us see!

SCRIPTURAL IN ITS OBJECTIVES

The objectives or aims of the plan are taken from the scriptural times. These may be classified under five heads.

I. Evangelism.

The bottom rail of the Co-operative Program is evangelism, or soul-winning. Our secretaries, missionaries, teachers, and pastors all stress the winning of lost to Christ as our first duty. Is not that scriptural?

1. John the Baptist was a soul-winner. He won the first two disciples to Christ. "On the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples; and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37). These two disciples were Andrew and John who later became apostles.

2. Andrew, one of these, at once went home after his brother Simon, "He findeth first his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ). He brought him unto Jesus" (John 1:41-42).

3. Jesus himself was a great soul-winner. He won the woman at the well of Sychar (John 4: 7-42); the paralytic (Mark 2:5); the insane man with a legion of demons in him (Mark 5:14); Zacchaeus (Luke 19:2-9); and scores of others.

4. Jesus calls us to be soul-winners. "Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). This is his service call to Andrew and Peter.

II. Missions.

The second rail in the Co-operative Program is missions. Soul-winning is the bottom rail of missions. We may stay at home and win souls, and that is evangelism; but when we go and win souls, that is missions. For convenience our Co-operative Program has state, home, and foreign missions. Is this program scriptural? Let us see:

1. State missions is illustrated in Luke 10:1-2: "Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before he himself was about to come. And he said unto them, The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest. Jesus were sent out as state missionaries. See also Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be my witnesses . . . in all Judea" (another state).

2. Home missions is illustrated in Acts 8, where Philip goes to another state, Samaria, and preaches the gospel; and

also meets a foreigner, the Ethiopian

3. For foreign missions we have abundant scriptural proof: "Go . . . make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28:19), etc.; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15); "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all nations" (Luke 24:47); "Ye shall be my witnesses . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8); "There were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, Preaching the Lord Jesus" (Acts 11:20). Thus the great church at chamberlain and preaches the gospel to him, baptizes him, sending him on down to his own country as a foreign missionary.

III. Teaching.

The third rail in the Co-operative Program fence is teaching. We try to teach our church members and their children in the Sunday school, the Baptist Training Union, our Baptist colleges, seminaries, and missionary training schools. We have nearly 30 colleges, four Baptist seminaries, and two missionary training schools. Are we following the Scriptures in this teaching program? Let us see:

1. Jesus was the Great Teacher. Forty-five times in the Gospels he is called Teacher, many times The Teacher. See John 3:2; Matthew 5:2; 7:29; 9:35; 11:1; 13:54, etc. He says, "Follow me." We are trying to do so in our teaching program.

2. The twelve and Paul used teaching as one of their principal methods of winning people to Christ. See Acts 4:2, 18; 5:21, 25, 28, 42; 11:26; 15:35; 18:11, 25; 20:20; 28:31.

3. Teaching is to follow evangelism and missions. "Go . . . make disciples . . . baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you" (Matt. 28:19-20). Are not these Scriptures convincing? The churches are commanded to teach (Matt. 28:20). We are commanded to study that we may know how to handle the word (2 Tim. 2:15). God once winked at ignorance but it is no longer so, and he now commands men to repent (Acts 17:30). Repent of what? Of their ignorance about him and truth. Surely none can know his Word and claim that there is no Scripture for our teaching ministry!

IV. Healing.

Through the Co-operative Program we now operate a Baptist hospital in nearly every state of our Southern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. We are caring for and healing many thousands each year in these eleemosynary institutions. Have we any Scripture for a healing program? Let us take a look:

1. Jesus was the greatest healer the world has ever seen. He cured people with diseases now incurable by all the discoveries medical science has made—paralysis, epilepsy, rheumatism, extreme forms of insanity, and scores of moderate forms of diseases—fevers, nerve troubles, etc. He also cured deafness, blindness, even congenital blindness (John 9:20). He raised Jairus' daughter who had just died (Mark 5: 41-42), a young man being taken to the cemetery (Luke 7:12-15), and Lazarus after he had been dead and buried four days (John 11:39-44). See Matthew 8 and Mark 2 for extended healing programs by Jesus.

2. Peter and John cured the crippled beggar at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:

1-10). Peter cured Aeneas at Lydda and raised to life again Dorcas at Joppa (Acts 9:32-41).

3. Paul healed the congenital cripple at Lystra (Acts 14:8-10), cured the sick at Ephesus (Acts 19:11-12), and "the rest also that had diseases" on the island of Malta came, as well as the father of the chief man, Publius, sick with "fever and dysentery" (Acts 28: 8-9). Paul also raised to life again Eutychus who fell dead one night from an upper window (Acts 20:9-10).

V. Helping the Helpless.

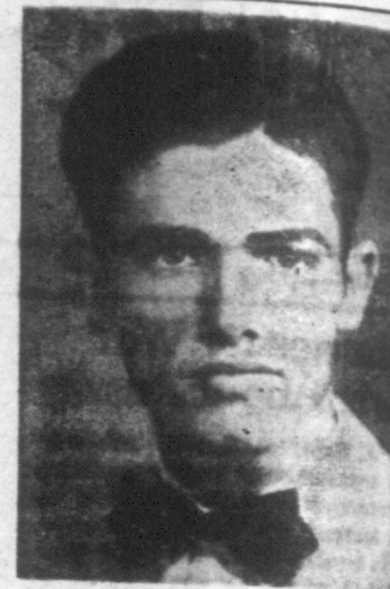
Through the Co-operative Program we maintain orphanages in all our states. Through our Relief and Annuity Board we are caring for needy ministers, their widows, and orphans. In a private way hundreds of other widows are cared for by our churches. Is this phase of our work scriptural? "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (James 1: 27). So those who back the Co-operative Program have "pure religion" of the New Testament type.

SCRIPTURAL IN ITS AGENCIES

Our Co-operative Program is carried on by six principal agencies: Churches, pastors, associations or conventions, boards or standing committees, secretaries, and missionaries.

1. Churches.

There are about 26,401 Baptist Churches in the South, the most of which are in some sense serving through the Co-operative Program. Just as we have these churches through which our evangelistic, missionary, educational, healing, and charity work is being carried on, so in the New Testament times it was through the churches at Jerusalem,



REV. SAMUEL WOLFE

Rev. Samuel Wolfe, a student at Clarke College, was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry of the Friendship Church, Grand Bay, Alabama. Mr. Wolfe is serving as assistant pastor of the Friendship Church during the illness of his father, Rev. W. E. Wolfe.

—BR—

Antioch, in Galatia, Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica), Corinth, Ephesus, Rome, and others, that the program of Christ was carried out in the first century (Acts 8:4-5, 14, 26; 9:32; 11:19-21; 13:1-4; Rom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 16:1 (churches of Galatia); 2 Cor. 8:1-2; Gal. 1:2; 1 Thess. 1:1; Rev. 2 and 3).

Churches found the plan of co-operation in the Scriptures and adopted it for their local use. Messengers from these churches made up the state association that adopted the co-operative plan of working together. It is false to claim that the program was handed down to the churches by secretaries; churches through their messengers handed it to the secretaries!

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Annual Church Report Praises SB Churches

The high points of the Christian Herald's annual report on the state of the churches and denominations is to be found on another page of this issue of The Baptist Record. It is the only comprehensive survey regularly made of the church strength in the United States.

The report indicates that this year's report shows that church membership in the U. S. has reached a new high, both in number of members and in the proportion of members to total population.

Commenting on the report, Christian Herald says in the August issue, "An army that in these perilous times picks up enough recruits during the space of a year to give it a net gain of nearly three million is doing decidedly all right for itself. In these United States, the mighty army that is the church of God has done exactly that, as of the close of 1950."

According to the report, while church rolls were bulging at the seams, the population of the country was also climbing. A comparison of the two is the acid test. In the face of an expanding population, did the churches hold their ground? The answer is a decided YES! While the population was increased by 1.67 per cent, church membership chalked up a 3.56 per cent growth. (U. S. Census Bureau estimates give January 1, 1950 population as 150,563,000; January 1, 1951 as 153,085,000.)

Such is the over-all picture—one that churches may view with satisfaction while not letting it go to their heads. Although there was no spectacular turning to religion, no spiritual upheaval, Christianity had to fight for every foot of gain; there were no easy, sweeping advances, but there was a continuation of the even growth that has marked religion in America for the past 50 years. It was the individual church, pastor and lay workers doing a faithful job who would seem to deserve the credit.

According to the report, in 1900 organized religious bodies in America claimed the allegiance of only 34.7 per cent of the popula-

tion. Today 55.9 per cent are on church rolls.

The statistics prove that we of the nation are more interested in religion now than we were in 1900. Furthermore, if we keep on at the steadily, steadily increasing pace we have set these first fifty years, by the time the century ends three-fourths of the population will be in religious camps.

As indicated in the figures published, we would have a truer picture of comparative strength if all faiths used one statistical yardstick. Roman Catholics count as members of their church all baptized persons, from infants up. Most other churches count only those who have come into full membership, that is, adults only, or from the age around 13 (with the exception of most Lutheran denominations).

Also affecting totals is the custom of the Roman Catholic Church of never dropping anyone from its membership rolls except in rare instances. "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic."

Many Protestant or Baptist churches make at least a gesture toward periodically bringing church rolls up-to-date, but most of them would also have to plead guilty in some degree to carrying non-resident members.

Again Southern Baptists led, by an increase of 318,624. With their emphasis on evangelism through simultaneous sectional crusades, Southern Baptists are not only the fastest growing denomination in the United States, but within 10 years may well be our leading denomination.

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Advice For Voters

On August 7 the people of Mississippi will go to the polls to vote for our public officials. We are not promoting the cause of any particular candidate. We do urge all of our readers to make a careful study of the candidates and then vote for the person they think will uphold our law and fulfill the obligations of the office.

The kind of government that we are going to have for the coming four years beginning January 1 will be determined by the kind of thinking and the kind of voting that the people of Mississippi do within the next few days.

It will be well for each person to consider carefully every one of the candidates and then do some checking and a lot of praying.

Many promises are being made. We are not able to distinguish between promises that are genuine and the ones that are not. We urge caution. Check the list and then vote for the one that you honestly think will give the best service.

How Others Saw It

According to an old saying, "Two heads are better than one head."

If this is true two sets of eyes and ears are also better than one set.

Therefore, in the next few issues of The Baptist Record we plan to give the views of some of our fellow editors concerning the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco.

Dr. Finley W. Tinnin, editor of the BAPTIST MESSENGER of Louisiana wrote:

The San Francisco Convention was characterized by a spirit of harmony and unanimity. We heard many messengers remark they had never attended a more harmonious Convention. Serious issues were faced by the messengers and decisions were made without undue differences of opinion being manifested.

While the attendance was not as large as in previous years—the final report on registration was 6,492—it was good considering the fact the Convention was meeting in the extreme western edge of its territory. We, however, have never seen the messengers remain quite so faithfully in their seats throughout the sessions as they did at San Francisco. This despite the unusual attractions on the outside.

The report of the Committee on Relations with Other Bodies, T. C. Gardner of Texas, chairman, leaves no doubt as to the position of the Convention with regard to the autonomy of the churches, adherence to historic Baptist practices, the acceptance of the scriptures as the inspired Word of God and to the ecumenical movement. It was expected there would be a flare-up over this report, but it was accepted without a negative vote.

The report observed that "some of our churches have departed from some of the time-honored principles of New Testament Baptists . . . by failing to give to missions . . . refusing to support denominational plan . . . by accepting alien immersion . . . practicing open communion . . . Every influence should be set in action to keep our churches, institutions, conventions, assemblies, and denomination doctrinally sound."

Regarding the ecumenical movement, the report warns of (1) "the tendency toward centralization which threatens the position of local churches . . . (2) the tendency to compromise the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ by recognizing as fellow Christian workers those who deny such scriptural truths as the Virgin Birth, the deity of Christ and the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures . . . The idea of a

Protestant ecumenical church has no scriptural authority."

Continuing the report says, "Whereas the Northern Baptist Convention has changed its name (to American) so that it is continental in scope, the Home Mission Board and all other Southern Baptist boards and agencies be free to serve as a source of blessing to any community or any people anywhere in the United States." Since large groups of Baptists living in states affiliated with the Northern Convention find their belief more in line with that of Southern Baptists, there probably will be some changing their affiliations. Also there may be some groups in the South going to the Northern Convention for the same reason.

The Convention unquestionably made a tremendous spiritual impact on the people of San Francisco and surrounding areas. A local pastor said, "We will never cease to thank God for this visit to our city of the Southern Baptist Convention."

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Logical For The One, Logical For The Other

Below we share with our readers an editorial from a recent issue of the Clarion Ledger. We think our readers will agree with the reasoning of the Port Gibson Reveille as well as the Clarion Ledger.

"Logical For The One,
Logical For The Other

"More than cynicism is revealed in this paragraph from The Port Gibson Reveille:

"Headline: 'Narcotics Problem Is Terrific.' Mississippi liquor advocates will probably say the remedy is to abolish the law against these things and let the teenagers have the legal right to buy and use the stuff; 'less will be bought if it is legalized' they probably argue. Poor reasoning, but that's the way they see it."

"If you think it is stretching logic to apply to the traffic in narcotic drugs the same argument the wets apply to the liquor traffic, consider the fact that alcohol itself, and hence intoxicating liquor, also is a true 'narcotic.'"

To those who are trying for legalization of liquor as a means of curing lawbreaking, we again ask for one example where legalization has solved the problem.

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NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, TISHOMINGO County, completed their Vacation Bible School with a total enrolment of 99. The mission offering of \$19.97 was given to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. W. E. Palmer served as principal and Rev. W. E. Palmer, associational missionary, led the singing. Rev. W. G. Gann is pastor.

Our Readers Write

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

There are those of us who see intoxicating liquors, together with their advertisements, as Enemy No. 1 to our God, our homes, our church, our country and our fellowman. And, from the standpoint of harm done, liquor is way out in front as Enemy No. 1.

There are those of us who feel that good citizenship and patriotism demands that they go up against this dangerous enemy . . . that is the purpose of this article.

From the standpoint of liquor being a dangerous enemy, there is no difference in legal and illegal liquors.

We all love dear, old Uncle Sam. He furnishes us the most valuable citizenship the world has ever known. An American can never be said to be really poor. But Uncle Sam is wet. He issues licenses in prohibition states. He circulates liquor advertisements through his United States mail in every community in the 48 states, seeking to induce the general public to drink more liquor.

What Uncle Sam needs more than anything else is more "bone dry" nephews and nieces to exert their influence. He finds an enemy on the other side of the world and engages him in war, while at the same time this Enemy No. 1 is making more casualties in our beloved America than is war in Korea.

Continuously, liquor's casualties in our country are ten times those of all wars together.

The writer of this article is an old man and it has been his observation that liquor, legal or illegal, will not respect the law.

Being surrounded on all sides by wet states makes it much harder to enforce our Mississippi prohibition laws.

The time we made progress was when we had National Prohibition. No man can deny that.

If we mean to be constructive, we will have to leave liquor out. . . it is the most destructive thing in the world.

ALBERT MYERS
Byhalia, Miss.

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I am disturbed over the propaganda to repeal our liquor laws. I get mad I read what one of our candidates says about us prohibitionists. It is the same old wet propaganda. Anybody who believes that legalizing liquor will cure the evils of liquor ought to be "bored for the simples." It won't stop bootlegging. It won't stop drinking.

The cost of taking care of the results of drink will far exceed all the tax money received from legal liquor. I am afraid the good people, many of them, in Mississippi, will fall for this subtle propaganda.

What we need in Mississippi is officers, from the governor down, who will live up to their oath of office. The law could be enforced if men elected to office would only live up to their oath of office, taken before God and man. What we need to do in Mississippi is to elect men to office who will do their duty and then back them up in their efforts to enforce the law. The argument advanced against our present liquor law is that it can't be enforced, therefore, we ought to repeal it. That argument would apply to all other laws. Why not

Salem Church, Hinds Co. To Have Youth Revival Aug. 19

Rev. Carroll Starkey, pastor of the Ridgeland Church, Madison County, will lead in a Youth Revival at Salem Church, Hinds County, August 19-25. The singing will be led by the pastor, Rev. Ray Walters.

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New Hope Makes Progress

On July 22, the closing Sunday of the revival at New Hope Church, the Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of 223, according to Pollie McCain, Sunday School Superintendent. The Training Union attendance that same day was 158. Mr. Arthur Rowell is director.

There were 11 additions to the church during the revival, 10 by baptism. Rev. Tommy Fant and Dewitt Pickering of Laurel led in the preaching and singing. On the Sunday the meeting began, all day services were held with dinner on the grounds. In the afternoon open house was held at the pastor's home in order that the church might see the remodeling that has been done and the two rooms added. The two-month remodeling project cost \$1,700.

The Vacation Bible School closed with an enrolment of 153, four professions of faith, and a mission offering of \$8.00. Rev. James Francher, pastor, served as principal. In connection with the school a church-wide school of music was taught by Carroll Freeman, music director of the First Church at Holly Springs.

—BR—

THERE WERE 41 ENROLLED IN THE Vacation Bible School at Oak Grove Church, Calhoun County. The mission offering was \$2.66. Rev. H. B. Roane, pastor, served as principal.

legalize gambling, Sunday movies, murder, stealing, ect.?

But if our people fall for that propaganda and think that they will better conditions by repealing our liquor law and legalizing it they will find, when it is too late, that it is not so. You cannot get rid of sin by making it legal. If our people go to sleep the forces of evil will move in and control our state and everything else.

I am a confirmed prohibitionist and always will be. The more I see of it the more I hate liquor. I wasn't raised right, I guess, not for days like these. My parents didn't drink. I never drank a tea-cup of liquor in my life. I expect to live and die that way.

With every good wish always
Cordially yours,
W. S. ALLEN, Pass Christian

Dear Editor:

In regards to the letter of J. L. Williams, of Meridian in the March issue, the way I see it Simon was saved. I do not think in the eighth chapter of Acts Simon sinned unto death. In verse eight he asked Peter to pray for him. In John 5:16 we read "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask and he shall give life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death I do not say that he shall pray for it." In this case a man's life is restored in this world to come. So I am no judge but I will say I believe Simon was saved.

Matthew 16:23. "But he turned and said unto Peter, get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offense unto me, for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

Now if this were to stop here Peter would be lost as some would say, but he was not.

Take your Bible read Mark 2:4-12. The fifth verse is the important one. I am unlearned and if you can help me any way it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Y. M. Bates.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Miss Almarie Brown, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y—Miss Nell Taylor

STATE MISSION SEASON OF PRAYER SEPT. 17-20

The recommended book for study this quarter is a Stewardship book. Mrs. J. T. Lyons, our state Stewardship chairman suggested either of these two books: Trustees of Creation or Partnership with Christ. Either of these or both can be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

The program material for this Season of Prayer has been mailed to the Presidents of the W.M.U.'s and the young people's material is being mailed this week.

Remember a "good ready" is one of the most essential things to success.

The theme for the observance is "God Ever Moves in Mississippi." The three day's programs are built on these thoughts: WHOSOEVER—Evangelism; WHATSOEVER—Education; WHITHERSOEVER—Extension.

NEW OFFICERS

If the nominating committee has not already brought its report for the officers for another year—now is the time. Those who will serve need at least 6 to 8 weeks for study and preparation before assuming office. The W.M.U. Year Books and Officers Guides will be available after August 15th. We will send a blank to all Presidents for a listing of the Officers. We recommend a thorough study of the W. M. U. MANUAL by all officers, this to be prior to Oct. 1st. The book can be secured from the Baptist Book Store for \$1.00 each.

Meeting For Negro Women And Young People
NEGRO BOYS

The Negro boy's camp under the direction of Mr. Joel Ray was acclaimed a success. There were forty four Negro boys from 18 churches present. The attendance showed an increase over the year before. The average age for the boys was 14 years. Two of the young men who helped in R. A. Camps also helped in this camp—Bill McCree, a student in Southwestern Theological Seminary and Mack Jones, a graduate of Mississippi College. Two of our missionaries were speakers for the camp—James D. Belote and Glenn Morris—both of China. Both adults and campers were enthusiastic in their praise of the camp. Your State Mission Week of Prayer offering helped make this possible.

NEGRO GIRLS

At this writing sixty five Negro girls and their counselors are in camp at Lubaloo. The first part of this week there were seventy one Negro girls there for the first camp. Lillian Rose, the field worker for Woman's Missionary Union to her Negro women and young people is directing the camps. Miss Nell Taylor, our young people's secretary is helping and other speakers from Garaywa have assisted. A number of splendid Negro women have served as counselors, handicrafts teachers, helped with the music

etc. These camps are possible because of your State Mission Week of Prayer offering.

NEGRO WOMEN

An Institute will be held at Jackson College August 14-17 for Negro women. Many of our Missionary Societies plan to help at least one Negro woman to attend—the registration fee is \$1.00 and the room and board for the period is \$10.25. The meeting begins Tuesday a.m. at 11 o'clock and closes Friday after lunch.

RIDGECREST W.M.U. WEEK
LAST CALL

We have more than thirty registered for this trip but can take 2 or 3 more—the bus will leave on Tuesday, August 7th at 12 noon from the Baptist Building. Contact the W. M. U. Office if you are interested.

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GOODYEAR CH. REACHES BUILDING FUND GOAL

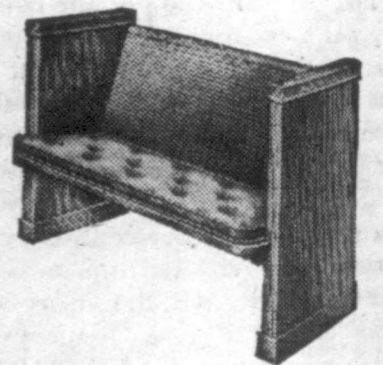
With \$250 as a Building Fund goal the Goodyear Church at Picayune raised \$430.50 on July 22, the day observed as Building Fund Day.

Rev. Hansel Smith, who was licensed to preach by Goodyear Church, now a worker in the Volunteers for Christ in American Movement in New Orleans, offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

The pastor, Rev. W. M. Clawson, brought the morning message on "Church Increase."

Following a dinner served picnic style, Rev. J. R. Boutwell of the Corinth Church brought the special message.

The evening worship service was recorded by station WRJW and broadcast later.



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PLANNING MEETING TIME

It will soon be time for the planning meetings for this year. The purpose of these meetings is to plan some definite things for the program for next Sunday school year, which begins October 1. The State Planning Meeting. The first of the series of three planning meetings is that of the State, and that will be in Jackson on Friday, September 7. This meeting is promoted by the State Sunday School Department and the Baptist Sunday School Board. This meeting is for all associational Sunday school officers and the associational missionaries. Friday, September 7, is the time and the place is the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

"B" Night in The Association. This is the associational rally for the purpose of launching the associational program for 1952. The date is the same for each year from now on, and that will be the third Tuesday of each September. This year the day is September 18. "B" stands for briefing, which is going over the plans and program for the new year.

The Church Planning Meeting. This is the meeting each church should hold in September or October. This is for the purpose of the workers of each church studying together the new year's program, and then to make some definite plans toward reaching the goals set up.

All of these meetings have the same great purpose in mind, and that is planning for a greater year each time. Our aim should always be to go forward, to improve, to advance, to progress, to do better. Such can only be when the Sunday school leaders work out some definite aims and objectives for each year, and then do a lot of hard work toward bringing them to pass. There is no substitute for planning and work.

NOW IS TIME TO APPOINT YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

July is just about gone, which means only two more months of this Sunday school year. That means the time is getting short to finish up the year in a great way, and to get ready for the new year which begins October first.

So, all this means that now is the time to appoint the Nominating Committee to select and enlist the officers and teachers for next year, so they can be presented to the church for election before October.

This is most important. The matter of getting the right kind of officers and teachers is the most vital step in building a Sunday school.

Therefore, let's not delay in getting this committee appointed right away. The time is short, and several meetings will be necessary to complete the job.

HAVE THAT MISSION SCHOOL

What about a mission Vacation Bible school this summer? It is a wonderful opportunity for many churches to do some good mission work right at home. It will give many boys and girls their only chance this summer for some Bible study, and will also give many of our church people (many of them young college people) the glorious privilege of helping in some good work for others—the very thing many of them long to do.

Think it through; select some community without a church; enlist some workers to help, and then follow through with the plans for a Vacation Bible

school there. Your church will be helped; the people in that community will be blessed, and the work of Christ will be extended. Try such a school yet this summer.

MORE STANDARDS

Roxie, Rev. W. A. Greene, pastor; C. E. Graves, superintendent.

Primary department, Clarksdale First, Mrs. J. O. Doyle, superintendent, and these teachers of standard classes of this department: Mrs. J. A. Harden, Mrs. A. E. Gloughlin, Mrs. R. R. Rowland, Mrs. M. J. Cauthen, Miss Betty Taylor, Mrs. Milton Maddox, Miss Vera Campbell, Miss Marguerite Caughlin, Mrs. W. A. Waits, Mrs. Annie Bright, and Mrs. Griffin.

Primary classes, Calvary, Jackson—Mrs. H. H. Thompson, Miss Irene Drummond, Mrs. L. L. Roan, Mrs. C. W. Auwarter, McComb, First—Mrs. J. P. Moak and Mrs. Louise Robertson.

Knights of the King, McComb, First, W. S. Bryan.

Our very sincere thanks to the leaders of all these units in keeping up to standard recognition.

WATCH THE AUGUST BUILDER

The August issue of the Sunday School Builder is a "honey."

Brother Superintendent, it will pay good dividends to work out a plan to use some of the more important items of that issue with your officers and teachers. There are so many good things in it. It will be just too bad not to use them to the very limit.

If Sunday school leaders will use and follow the suggestions in the Builder from month to month, there will be better schools. It just works out that way.

So, plan to use the Builder frequently.

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SPECIAL SERVICES MARK HAWORTH'S 12TH YEAR

"Four days of spiritual uplift" will be observed at the First Church, Vicksburg beginning Sunday, August 5. This Sunday will mark the 12th anniversary of the pastor of the church, Dr. D. Swan Haworth. Dr. Haworth came to Vicksburg on the first Sunday in August, 1939 from the Fourth Avenue Church in Louisville.

During the four days, services will be held twice daily—regular Sunday services, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be services at 7 a.m., at which time the pastor will preach and in the evening invited guest speakers will be present. On Monday night Dr. Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will speak; Tuesday night, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President of New Orleans Seminary; and Wednesday night, Dr. Howard Spell, Dean of Mississippi College.

The anniversary planning committee is composed of J. E. Blackburn, chairman; C. E. Cunningham and J. E. White.

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AT THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL recently closed at New Baptist Mission in Corinth there was an enrollment of 66. The mission offering to the Cooperative Program was \$10.39. Rev. M. Glenn Smith, pastor of Tate Street Church, Corinth, served as principal, with the following workers: Richard Clement, Mrs. Lee Crawford, Mrs. E. M. Knight, Mrs. Frank Edwards, Miss Louise Hill, Mrs. Roy Robinson, Mrs. G. B. Voyles and Mrs. Harold Bennett.

Dr. Hudgins Accompanies Air Cadets To England



MAJ. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS

Major W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, left Washington Friday, July 27, to accompany five Civil Air patrol Cadets to England in connection with the 1951 International Exchange Program.

The group will make a good-will tour throughout the country. The British have planned for the party sightseeing trips and various social entertainments.

Brantley Accepts Forest Pastorate

Rev. J. R. Brantley, pastor of the Richton Church, has accepted a call from the Forest Church.

He will fill the vacancy left by Rev. M. F. Davis, Jr., who was recently called back into the Chaplaincy of the Army.

Mr. Brantley has done excellent work at Richton, and before coming to Richton as pastor served one of the churches in Pascagoula.

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Sam Morris Elected Temperance Director

The National Temperance League has elected Rev. Sam Morris as its executive director and he is moving to Washington to give full time to the organization.

Mr. Morris has conducted the radio broadcast, "Voice of Temperance," for the past 16 years. He has been residing in San Antonio where he is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. R. G. Lee, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is president of the National Temperance League.

United Drys Report On Gubernatorial Candidates; Candidates For Lieutenant Governor Also Reply

Mississippi's eight gubernatorial candidates stand in pairs on their prohibition stand, according to Henry Edmonds, Executive Director of the United Dry Association of Mississippi. "On the basis of letters received from six of Mississippi's eight gubernatorial candidates and newspaper stories on their speeches delivered over the state, it appears that their prohibition stands are by pairs as follows:

"Ross R. Barnett and Paul B. Johnson have expressed themselves as being unqualified dry and in favor of retaining, strengthening and enforcing Mississippi's prohibition law.

"Hugh White and Sam Lumpkin state that they are personally dry but would favor a referendum on the whiskey question if the same were presented to them.

"Mary Cain and Kelly Hammond favor a referendum on the whiskey question, but do not state their personal stands on the matter. Mrs. Cain answered, charging that the questions asked by the Association are "insulting and dictatorial" and that the Association's letter was an attempt to "pry into the private life of a free citizen of Mississippi," but did not answer any of the questions asked. The only indication of Mrs. Cain's personal stand on the wet-dry issue appears in her column in The Summit Sun of Thursday, August 11, 1949, just prior to a beer election in Pike County, when she said, "Moreover, there are plenty of people in this county who feel, as I do, that having beer in one's refrigerator is just as natural as to have butter or milk there . . . and you will always find some in the Cain refrigerator. There's nothing better when one comes in at night, tired, than a good cold bottle of beer. And it definitely makes food taste better. Frankly, we don't want to be without it."

"Mr. Hammond did not answer the Association's letter at all.

"Jesse M. Byrd and Jimmie Walker are unqualifiedly wet, favoring the outright repeal of the prohibition laws. Mr. Byrd answered the Association's letter

but Mr. Walker did not.

Of the six candidates for Lieutenant Governor the Association reports receiving answers indicating dry stands from Lee V. Prisco, Carroll Gartin and Charles G. Hamilton and Hayden Campbell. No reply has been received from Grady Cook or Jimmie Arrington, but fairness requires the statement that Mr. Cook's legislative record was consistently dry. Mr. Arrington's views on the liquor question are unknown.

The Association is again urging all citizens to vote in the primaries on August 7 and by all means to vote intelligently after satisfying themselves about the qualifications and stands of the candidates on issues in which they are interested one way or the other.

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EVANGELIST JOHN L. BRAY WHOSE address is 1044 La Rue Street, South Jacksonville, Florida, has had printed a sermon which he preached at the Judson Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., during the Simultaneous Revival services in April 1951. The subject of the sermon is "Do We Live After Death?" It is quite interesting, helpful and supported by the scriptures. Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis is the author of the introduction and speaks highly of the sermon. The price is 25 cents.

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Correction Concerning Candidates By United Drys of Mississippi

By N. S. JACKSON
Secretary of Information

We regret that we reported Rep. Luther Little of Copiah County as voting "Aye" on the Price-Ross Liquor Bill. The correct records shows that he voted "No" on Liquor Bill and "Aye" on Municipal Beer Bill.

We also regret that the reply attributed to B. K. Reeves, a candidate for Supervisor in Beat Three Lincoln County, in the Baptist Record last week was in error. The reply quoted, "Dry, if we could have it that way, but I think we've tried long enough. I say our state would be better off physically and financially if it were open saloons."

This was not Mr. Reeves' reply but was the reply of another candidate.

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BLANSHARD'S NEW BOOK DESERVES WIDE READING

Protestants inclined to discount the Catholic menace in the United States should read COMMUNISM, DEMOCRACY, AND CATHOLIC POWER by Paul Blanshard—the book has sold 180,000 copies and continues to sell 1,000 copies per week—the book which is a best-seller despite Catholic pressure to suppress it. Mr. Blanshard has had a varied career as author, journalist and public official. Under Mayor LaGuardia he was head of New York City's Department of Investigation and Accounts. He formerly was associate editor of The Nation.

In 1949 he attracted national attention for exposing the Catholic Church's desperate bid for power in the United States in his book, AMERICAN FREEDOM AND CATHOLIC POWER. Blanshard wrote COMMUNISM, DEMOCRACY, AND CATHOLIC POWER to distinguish between Catholicism as a religion and Catholicism as an organization. He shows the system of the Roman Catholic Church as a system of power bent on domination just as the totalitarian states. He attacks its traditional anti-democratic policies, the corruption in government where it has been allied with the state, the vague promises to never destroy freedom in America and yet its constant effort to wash away the foundations of democracy.

Mr. Blanshard dwells at length to control the thoughts of men. He exposes its censorship, its boycotts and the like to shut down criticism—and efforts to suppress his books might be added as examples of intolerance. Freedom-loving Americans are indebted to Paul Blanshard and to Beacon Press (\$3.50) which has been attacked for its publication of a work so genuinely despised by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Vatican did everything it could to suppress AMERICAN FREEDOM AND CATHOLIC POWER, and the Catholic hierarchy in America did everything possible to stop the sale of the book in bookstores and succeeded in intimidating such publications as the New York Times, which refused an advertisement of the book after threat of blackmail. Yet, this book is now in its thirteenth printing and has sold 180,000 copies and continues to sell.

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REV. JIMMY YARBROUGH, PASTOR of Westview Church, Hinds County, did the preaching at the revival at Cash Church in Scott County. Rev. B. N. Sibley is pastor.

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THERE WERE 156 ENROLLED IN the Vacation Bible School at Soso Church. Rev. R. A. Herrington is pastor.

ZION HILL CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of Zion Hill Church, Lebanon Association, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church recently.

Rev. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, brought the morning message; Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, First Church, Hattiesburg, brought the Anniversary message; and Rev. J. B. Stewart, former pastor, brought the evening message.

In a church history read by E. F. McGilvray, church clerk, it was revealed that the following have served as pastors: L. E. Hall, J. L. Finley, R. W. Bryant, R. G. Joiner, J. M. Gibbs, S. A. Wilkinson, A. R. Loftin, C. S. Moulder, B. A. Massey, Troy Sumrall, J. H. Cothen, Sr., H. L. Davis, and J. B. Stewart.

Mrs. B. R. Ott was the only charter member present.

This day marked the beginning of the fourth year of Rev. Lloyd Shelton, the present pastor. During his ministry \$18,529 has been raised for the Building Fund; a new building valued at \$35,000 is almost completed with an indebtedness of only \$7,978; \$17,318 has been given to the church budget; there have been 143 additions, 98 by baptism; two have been licensed to the ministry; one has surrendered to educational work; a water system has been installed; and a financial secretary, chairman of finance, and purchasing agent have been added to the church staff.

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REV. JAMES P. FANCHER, PASTOR of New Hope Church, Marion County, was the guest evangelist at the revival at Bassfield Church. Mr. Dewitt Pickering of Laurel led the singing. Rev. R. R. Darby is pastor.

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A NEW GOSPEL OF THE SOIL (40c) by Dr. Ralph A. Folton of the Department of the Rural Church, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., is the story of 16 rural churches that have promoted Soil Conservation, Land Ownership and Father-and-Son Partnerships and have helped young couples get started in farming. These 16 churches are located in 11 different states and represent 11 different denominations. This 96 page paper bound booklet is well worth the small price both to city and country dwellers.

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CADENDAR OF PRAYER

Aug. 6—Miss Marion Leavell, BSU Secretary, Ole Miss; Intermediate G. A. Camp at Garaywa.

Aug. 7—Miss Doris Wiggins, Editorial Office, Baptist Headquarters; Professor Walter B. McGuffee, Mississippi College.

Aug. 8—Mrs. Leon Eubanks, faculty, Woman's College; Alfred Knapp, Warren Associational Training Union Director.

Aug. 9—W. B. Lowery, Lauderdale Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Edgar Daniels, Jeff Davis Associational Brotherhood President.

Aug. 10—T. L. Everett, faculty, Clarke Memorial College; W. G. Mize, Superintendent of Baptist Orphanage.

Aug. 11—Mrs. Charles Jones, Rankin Associational WMU Superintendent; Miss Clara Etta Berry, Assistant Dean of Students, Blue Mountain College.

Aug. 12—Rev. D. Swan Haworth, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board member; Rev. Elton Moore, Leake Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

Southwestern Seminary Opens September 10

By RALPH D. CHURCHILL
Publicity Director

The Virgin Birth

By DR. W. R. CULLOM

During the forty-two years of my incumbency as teacher of Bible in Wake Forest College the account of our Lord's birth was dealt with many times. It was my uniform purpose during those years to leave with my students a definite, clear-cut, positive, and wholesome attitude toward all the fundamental questions of life. The person and life of Jesus, in all its various and varying aspects, were of course among the matters involved in this general statement. In the matter of the Virgin Birth the following is in general an outline of what I taught:

1. The Virgin Birth is a great mystery. In this it is not peculiar: all life is mysterious. It is mysterious in its origin; it is mysterious in its growth; it is mysterious in all its ramifications. If one can imagine his mind as a perfect blank until he was grown and then suddenly to become normal, have a physician then tell him the plain facts of how he came into the world, what would such a man say? I think that I should throw up my hands in utter amazement and cry, "Impossible!" And yet because this process goes on about us daily, we move on and pay no attention to it. The more I think of the matter, the more I come to feel that one of the most mysterious things I ever thought about is that of my relationship to my parents. If this be true of ordinary birth, what should we expect when we come to deal with the matter of the Eternal Spirit coming to incarnate Himself in our human flesh? Shall we be surprised to find it a great mystery?

2. In trying to face this mystery, it may help if we pause and think of a few other facts that have come to pass along the processes of the unfolding ages. For example, somewhere, somehow in that process life itself entered into the clod of inorganic matter and that clod became living matter; again a marvelous something that we call consciousness entered this living matter and the living matter came to know things; once more, another factor that we call conscience enters this conscious matter and it begins to discriminate between two lines of conduct which we speak of as right and wrong. Whence came all this and how?

3. The New Testament has an answer. In Matthew 1:18 we read this: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." In John 1:14 we read: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is a simple statement as to how the New Testament accounts for that wonderful birth. If anyone has a better explanation of it and will give it to me, I promise to give him an honest, faithful hearing. Until such an explanation is forthcoming I shall go on holding to what the Bible says, and singing as I do so:

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name."

Nor in doing this am I committing myself to One who is a mere prodigy. Nor, again, am I following any sort of "will o' the wisp." On the contrary, I am committing myself to Him "who of God

Registration for the fall session at Southwestern Seminary will begin Monday, September 10.

For the information of those who expect to enroll the following rules apply: All new students MUST register on September 10, or wait until September 13, at which time a late registration fee of \$5.00 will have to be paid. All students previously enrolled at Southwestern will register on September 11-12 only. Application for admission must be in the Registrar's office at least 30 days prior to the opening date one expects to begin his work.

A record enrolment is anticipated. The total registration in the 1950 fall session was 1,435.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, NESHOBA County, recently completed a Vacation Bible School with 18 enrolled. The mission offering was \$1.10. Rev. R. G. Thompson is pastor. Mrs. Willie B. Ingram served as principal. The following were department superintendents: Mrs. J. D. Adcock, Intermediate; Mrs. Bertha Whittington, Junior; and Mrs. Edward McCown, Primary. Mrs. Bridget Coghlan was in charge of refreshments and Mrs. R. R. Coghlan was pianist.

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EDINBURG, TEXAS—(BP)—JIM KINCannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, made his Sunday morning report on the recent San Francisco Southern Baptist Convention. He closed by saying for the benefit of boys and girls present: "I have never given much thought to Roy Rogers and to his wife Dale Evans until I heard that they were Baptist people . . . and . . . do you know that both of them are workers in the church there in California? I understand that Roy teaches a class of boys about your age and Dale is superintendent of a Sunday school department." He had no more than said the last word when a little girl sitting with her mother four rows from the front spoke out, "What does Trigger do?" (Editor's Note: Trigger is Roy's cow-pony.)

is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30); and, am following Him who said of Himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:16). The same One said of Himself also, after He had triumphed over sin, death, and the grave, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: I am he I am alive forever-more" (Revelation 1:11, 18).

Four comments: (1) The springboard that started me to thinking along this line in the present connection was a group of questions put to me recently by one of the best Christian women that I know. The same incentive may lead me to say a word on a few other fundamentals of the Christian faith. (2) Many good people seem to make a stumblingblock of this doctrine by making a "shibboleth" of it. I am not willing to do this. Each person is responsible to God for what he believes and not to me. Each man should do as did the Apostle—follow the vision that God gives to him. (3) Another group seems to me to take all the life and power out of this great truth by making it a sort of mechanical performance. (4) It has been and is now my habit to accept it as the Scriptures give it, adjust myself to it in faith, and go on waiting and serving as best I can. With God's help and blessing I hope to do this until I shall come into the place where "I shall know even as also I am known."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

July 29, 1951

Jackson, Northside	444	192
Jackson, Calvary	1259	311
Calvary Mission	26	
Jackson, Southside	324	169
Jackson, Leavellwoods	86	64
Jackson, First	1174	345
Main Church	1076	345
Broadmoor Chapel	98	
Jackson, West	119	47
Jackson, Parkway	790	274
Byram (Hinds Co.)	136	135
Jackson, Van Winkle	405	200
Laurel, Second Avenue	359	103
Hattiesburg, Main Street	846	259
Laurel, First	573	127
Eastview (Lauderdale Co.)	48	59
McComb, East	454	169
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	102	82
Union (Pearl River Co.)	104	154
Bunker Hille (Marion Co.)	372	209
New Hope (Marion Co.)	166	164
Ruth	138	119
Meridian,		
Fifteenth Avenue	411	107
Meridian, Southside	299	109
Louisville, East	55	50
Springfield (Scott Co.)	83	50
Mt. Zion (Lincoln Co.)	112	57
Bethel (Amite Co.)	74	52
Magee	363	119
Bogue Chitto (Pike Co.)	89	78
Pearlhaven (Lincoln Co.)	156	95
Union Chapel (Chickasaw Co.)	78	83
Calvary (Amite Co.)	99	115
Newton	418	182
East Fork (Amite Co.)	107	50
Kosciusko, First	619	149
Meridian,		
Poplar Springs Drive	318	
Mission	32	
Bruce	322	125
Columbus, First	802	245
McComb, South	217	59
Jones, Sand Hill	94	61
Crystal Springs, First	613	155
Gulfport, First	565	220
Lucedale	357	155
Sunflower	96	38
Freedom (Jones Co.)	78	106
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	96	121
Houlika (Chickasaw Co.)	91	46
West Point, First	541	172
Corinth, Tate Street	305	109
Moak's Creek (Lincoln Co.)	173	157
Brookhaven, First	953	401
Central Chapel	124	79
Hamilton Street	106	78
Laurel, West	395	103
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	116	119
Holly Springs (Lincoln Co.)	36	45
Harmony (Jones Co.)	109	66
McComb, North	65	
Sharon (Jones Co.)	150	120
Bethel (Pearl River Co.)	136	101
Pascagoula	641	294
Main School	459	191
Eastlawn Mission	72	38
McArthur Mission	18	
Jackson Avenue Mission	18	17
Orange Grove Mission	37	48
River View Mission	37	
Yazoo City, First	376	114
Laurel, Highland	122	70

July 22, 1951

Harmony (Jones Co.)	99	88
Ruth	100	105
Union (Alcorn Co.)	42	78
McComb, Locust Street	78	
Union (Pearl River Co.)	339	144

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THERE WERE TWO ADDITIONS TO the church by baptism at the Vacation Bible School at New Hope Church, Harrison County. There was an enrolment of 111 with an average attendance of 102. The mission offering of \$14.01 was designated to the Baptist Orphanage. Serving with Pastor R. C. Clardy, principal, were: Miss Sherry Nell Phelps, pianist; Mrs. Davis, song leader; Miss Peggy Switzer, Beginner; Mrs. C. H. Stone, Primary; Mrs. Loyd Herrin, Junior; and Mrs. R. C. Clardy, general secretary.

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IT TAKES STIRRING TO MAKE LIFE smooth.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

WOOLMARKET IS IN

After they tried the Baptist Record, the people of Woolmarket Church, Gulf Coast Association are convinced that it is a valuable aid to carrying on God's work.

Recently the church treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Armstrong, sent a list of 30 names with instructions to send the Record to the Woolmarket people.

Record readers in the Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows:

BAY ST. LOUIS, 65; KILN, 2; LOG-TOWN, 9; SANTA ROSA, 30; BIG RIDGE, 5; BILOXI, FIRST, 316; BILOXI, SECOND, 43; CRANE, 1; GULFPORT, FIRST, 853; BOWEN MEMORIAL (FERNWOOD), 32; GULFPORT, EAST SIDE, 85; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL, 32; HANDSBORO, 60; LONG BEACH, 108; MISSISSIPPI CITY, 2; NEW HOPE, 31; PASS CHRISTIAN, 40; Sharon, 12; WEST GULFPORT, 28; WOOLMARKET, 30; LYMAN, 42; RIVERSIDE, 17.

CORINTH IS NO. 998

After Corinth Church, Simpson County, tried sending THE BAPTIST RECORD to the members of the church for two months they decided to put the Record in the budget. Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor, instructed us to continue sending the Record to the 42 families in Corinth Church.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 15; Athens, 1; Beulah, 7; BRAXTON, 47; Coats, 12; D'Lo, 2; FORK (BETHLEHEM), 49; GOODWATER, 27; MARRISVILLE, 41; MACEDONIA, 59; MAGEE, 239; MENDENHALL, 117; Mt. Zion, 1; NEW HOPE, 40; OAK GROVE, 62; PINE GROVE, 36; PINOLA, 55; PLEASANT HILL, 66; PLEASANT VALLEY, 36; SHIVERS, 31; SILOAM, 30; STONEWALL, 31; STRONG RIVER, 39; WEATHERSBY, 37; New Bethlehem, 1; HOLLEY GROVE, 30; SARTOGA, 21; and CORINTH, 42.

BETHEL

Two months ago Rev. C. M. Hodge, pastor of Bethel Church, Tate County, wrote:

"I received your letter in regard to the EVERY FAMILY Plan. I brought it before the church Sunday and everyone was pleased with the plan. I am sending a list of the names of each family who attends regularly." The list contained 20 names. (More churches would do likewise if the pastor would do as Pastor Hodge did.)

After trying the EVERY FAMILY Plan for two months they voted to put it in the church budget.

Record readers in Tate County are now listed as follows: ARKABUTLA, 32; BETHEL, 20; COLDWATER, CENTRAL, 78; Looxahoma, 9; Mt. Zion, 11; SARAH, 13; SENATOBIA, 137; STRAYHORN, 36; and Savage, 1.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. —(BP)— Negro Baptists of New Mexico will have a week's assembly August 6-9 at Inlow Camp, near Inlow, New Mexico, according to Eual F. Lawson, secretary of the state evangelism department. Lawson recently completed directing a conference on camp planning for the Negro Baptists of the state. Dr. Guy Bellamy of Oklahoma City, superintendent of the Negro work of the Home Mission Board, appeared on the conference program and is scheduled to participate in the August assembly program.

SINAI IS NO WILDERNESS ASSERTS DR. GREENE

By DR. W. E. GREENE

Today we are going to share some of our experiences of the Sinai trip. The trip last week left us unusually tired and even though we had not as yet spent a full night in bed we were anxious to leave in our taxi for Suez and Sinai. The first part of the trip was across the lower Nile Valley or the upper part of the Land of Goshen. Because the Nile has built up a great delta section beyond the delta section of the Bible it was hard for us to know exactly where Goshen was. We crossed at least a small part of it. We arrived at Suez in the afternoon. The Suez crossing was without incident. However, just as soon as all of the taxis were on the other side a very dense sand storm came up. We traveled in the sand storm for some eight hours.

Immediately after the crossing of Suez we came to the waters of Marah. We expected to drink of the waters of Marah but we were disappointed because the spring was stagnant.

We traveled along the borders of the Red Sea until ten o'clock that night, when we came to a British Magnesium camp. When we got to the place where we were to stay we found five beds for the party of twenty. The women got the beds! The men slept on a type of scatter rug placed on the bare cement floor with our over-night bags under our heads. We were so tired that we slept very soundly. After a very quick breakfast of sandwiches we loaded in the taxis again to travel some seven hours before reaching Sinai. The roads were mere trails through the desert. The wilderness mentioned in the Bible was not a wilderness at all. We were told that a translation of the word that was used in the Bible meant "Place without inhabitant" rather than a "wilderness." The Desert of Sinai is as much a desert as Sahara of Egypt or the Death Valley of California. Much time was spent in actual pushing and pulling of the cars out of the sand beds. About ten o'clock that morning we came to a place that was supposed to have been the Rock of Rephidim. Instead of Rephidim being a mountain, as I had expected, it was a huge rock. We were given no assurance that this was the Rephidim of the Bible. Except for a few British soldiers and a goat or two there were very, very few signs of life.

We arrived at the traditional mountain of Sinai in the afternoon. Though we were very tired, the party insisted on climbing the mountain. About three o'clock the entire party started up. We climbed until almost dark. When I saw that we were going to be caught in the mountains after dark I turned back. Most of the party went to the top. We sent lights and guides back up the mountain to assist those who went on to the top. After eating a very late supper we went to bed about ten o'clock. Our first night of sleep in a bed in an entire week!

Monday morning we toured the Monastery. The most interesting thing about the monastery was its ancient library. The Sinaitic manuscript was found in the monastery at Sinai. We were shown where Count Tichendorf found the ancient manuscript. I think it was in about 1849 when Count Tichendorf toured Sinai. He was given a room by the Monks and then given a few scrap pieces of paper with which to start a fire. Being a Greek Scholar he was able to detect the age of the writings on the paper, for the writings were in uncials or capitals. Instead of using the paper to build a fire he stored it away and began to negotiate for the entire manuscript. The native Monks became suspicious and it was

THEY WERE NOT BAPTISTS

SAN FRANCISCO—Charles Wellborn told of an experience he and his wife had in an eating establishment on the highway from Los Angeles to San Francisco. They saw five chaplains keeping a barmaid busy bringing them drinks, one after another. Finally, they were so noisy, Mrs. Wellborn went over to speak to them and she asked what denomination they were.

"You must be Southern Baptists," one of the Chaplains said in a spirit of revelry.

The young Baptist Hour preacher said he was never so proud to be a Southern Baptist as then. He added that the chaplains were neither Baptist nor Protestant.

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PUSAN, KOREA—(BP)—CHRISTIAN work is again thriving in Korea and a Southern Baptist missionary is at the forefront. One evidence of progress is a new Baptist church organized in Pusan late in June. The missionary is John A. Abernathy who reports, "One deacon was ordained, four elected and a pastor called. David Ahn is the pastor of this infant church and I am the associate. I shall be happy to do anything I can to back David in helping and encouraging the brethren and sisters. It will be his first pastorate, but he has many fine plans for a program of growth now and in the future."

not until some five years later that he was able to buy the manuscript which is now in the British Museum in London. It is the second oldest manuscript in the world and dates back to the Fourth Century or between two or three hundred years of the life of Christ. This library contains some of the oldest manuscripts in the world. It isn't very large but it is very valuable. They would not allow us to observe some of them more than a few minutes at a time.

We left in the middle of the morning and arrived back at the Cairo hotel a little after dark. Next week we will share with you some experiences of the trip to Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

MOST OF US TALK TOO MUCH about things we should be doing.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 Years Ago

The revival meeting in the Winona Church closed with 36 accessions, 22 for baptism, in which Pastor H. C. Rosamond was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Barnard and Rev. Robert Cairns.

The Terry Church closed its revival with seven additions, five for baptism. Rev. W. A. Hamlett of Grenada assisted Pastor S. M. Ellis.

40 Years Ago

Pastor Homer H. Webb of Belzoni reports two meetings: Belzoni, during which four additions were listed, Rev. E. L. Wesson doing the preaching; Isola, during which the pastor did the preaching and three were added to the membership.

25 Years Ago

Seventeen new members were added to the membership of the Tate Street Church, Corinth, at the close of "an excellent protracted meeting" in which Pastor O. H. Richardson was assisted by Rev. C. S. Wales of Ripley as preacher and Prof. J. H. Collins of Ecru as singer.

Rev. W. M. Bostick of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, did the preaching and Rev. C. B. Hall led the singing in a good meeting at Charleston Church during which 34 joined the church, 14 for baptism.

Yes, The Cooperative

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II. Pastors or Bishops or Shepherds.

Christian history tells us that James, half brother of Jesus, became pastor of the church in Jerusalem just before the middle of the first century. Paul tells us how pastors were elected (by raising the hand cheriotoneo) in the churches planted by him and Barnabas on the first missionary tour (Acts 14:23). He also tells Titus (Titus 1:5-9) and Timothy (1Tim. 3:1-7) that the churches of Crete and Asia must be manned by pure, Consecrated, and competent pastors or bishops. He knew that the pastors, then as now, are the key men, to lead the churches so that Christ's program may be put over.

III. Associations or Conventions.

The smaller bodies of messengers from churches are called associations. The term "convention," except in Kentucky, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, and Virginia applies to the state bodies, and also to the body of the messengers from the whole territory of the convention. Is there a scriptural warrant for such bodies? The first association or convention was held in Jerusalem in New Testament times. It was the convention (gathering of messengers) to settle the problem of circumcision and determine how the missionary program among Jews and Gentiles was to be carried out. Paul, Barnabas and Titus were messengers from the church at Antioch. "I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also along with me" (Gal. 2:1). James, pastor of the church, Peter, and John were the messengers representing the church at Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9). Only two churches had messengers at this convention; but 200 years ago many of our Baptist associations and conventions had only a very few churches represented.

IV. Boards, or Standing Committees.

The Co-operative Program is carried on through standing committees, sometimes called boards. Is it scriptural to have these boards or standing committees to administer the finances of our colossal missionary, educational, and eleemosynary program? Yes, we can find the first rudimentary board, or finance committee, right here in our New Testament. In 2 Corinthians 8:18 we find Titus as the first member (chairman) of this New Testament board. In 2 Corinthians 8:18-19, the second member of it is "the brother whose praise in the gospel is spread through all the churches; and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in the matter of this grace" (the vast fund being collected from all the churches for suffering Christians in Judaea and to cement the Jewish and Gentile wings of Christianity), "which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord." Here is mentioned the third member of the financial board: "Our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things" (2 Cor. 8:22). In the next verse (23) he calls these three members of this committee "the messengers of the churches, they are the glory of Christ." Verses 20 and 21 give us Paul's motive for thus handling the Lord's "bounty" or fund, "avoiding this, that any man should blame us in the matter of this bounty . . . for we take thought for things honorable." The great apostle thought this method of handling large sums of money for the kingdom was the safest and most "honorable." Is it not so today? By and far it has proved to be so.

V. Executive Secretaries.

In New Testament times we find the twelve and later Barnabas and Paul

also called apostles (Acts 14:14). But the apostolic age closed, with the first century. In the New Testament, Peter is the secretary for missions among the Jews while Paul held the same position for missions among the Gentiles. "James and Cephas (Peter) and John . . . gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision (Jews)" (Gal. 2:9). This was the agreement made at the first great association or convention held at Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas were to direct the mission work among the nations, Peter and John among the Jews.

After Peter's death John succeeded him, and after Paul's death Timothy became secretary, or superintendent of missions, in Ephesus, directing the program for the state of Asia. After Timothy's death John assumed the leadership in Asia. He was so strong a defender of the true gospel that he was banished by the Imperial Government of Rome to the island of Patmos (Rev. 1:9). John was the secretary, or promoter, of the Christian mission program; he was the magnetic leader and so was exiled.

VI. Missionaries.

The Co-operative Program works through missionaries in the state and out to the nations. We have hundreds in our state fields, scores for the Home Board among the Indians, Jews, Mexicans, and other foreigners in the homeland, and hundreds on the foreign fields in China, Japan, Italy, Palestine, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Africa, etc. Is this scriptural? See Luke 10: 1-3; Acts 1:8; 8:1-40; Matt. 28:19-20; Especially see Acts 13:3: "Then, when they (certain leaders in Antioch, not the whole church) had fasted and prayer and laid their hands on them, they (the leaders) sent them away." But notice, these leaders were led by the Holy Spirit who said to them (v. 2), "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." In this case the prophets and teachers sent forth the two apostles, Barnabas and Paul.

SCRIPTURAL IN ITS PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATION

1. No human magnates or directors to manage it. In 3 John we see Diotrephes "who loveth to have the preeminence among them . . . prating against us with wicked words." Men like him were "prating against" John who was humbly leading as superintendent of the mission work in Asia (state). Diotrephes was against the missionaries sent out by John (v. 10).

2. Leaders (secretaries) led by the Holy Spirit and chosen by the churches administer the affairs of the Co-operative Program. Peter and John were the superintendents of the work among the Jews; Paul and Barnabas of the work among the Gentiles (Gal. 2-9). This arrangement was decided on under leadership of the Holy Spirit at that first convention held in Jerusalem.

3. Fraternal co-operation among the churches and workers is the basic principle of operation. This is the New Testament principle. That was the principle decided on at that first New Testament convention. "James and Cephas and John . . . gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision (Jews)" (Gal. 2:9). These leaders, led by the Spirit, co-operated in the spirit of fraternal fellowship. So do our churches, pastors, missionaries, secretaries. "For we are God's fellow-workers" (1 Cor. 3:9).

4. Systematic contributions from the churches to support the program. The Co-operative Program seeks through the

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Someone writes in to inquire if a Brotherhood is permitted to use the Bible for program material. The Bible is always the best material that can be secured for all spiritual matters. But we have the Bible class Sunday morning, and we do not want to compete with it whenever the Brotherhood meets. Too, just as we need Sunday school literature, and Training Union literature, for those organizations, we need something for the Brotherhood. We have it—the Journal. Use it, but don't abuse it. You can ready your Brotherhood to death. Let a man, or group of men prepare the programs and give them in an interesting and enlightening way, and you will see the interest build up. Use your Bible for devotionals in the organization.

MISTER PRESIDENT—

BROTHER PASTOR

Be sure your Brotherhood enrolment and president are listed on the annual church letter to the association. When the letter is read to the church for approval check on this item. THIS IS IMPORTANT. The data for the statistical reports of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention is taken from the letters. Help paint a true picture of the Brotherhood

WACO, TEXAS. —BAYLOR UNIVERSITY has announced initiation of a program of study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Dr. W. R. White, Baylor president, said that 106-year-old Baptist school is entering the field of higher graduate study "modestly, conservatively and cautiously in full realization of the demands of such an advanced program." Baylor thus becomes the first Southern Baptist college or university to offer a graduate program leading to the doctorate. Only six others have work resulting in the master's degree.

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REV. C. L. STUBBLEFIELD, SERVED as principal of the Vacation Bible School held at Ingomar Church, Union County. Mrs. J. O. Jackson was secretary. Total enrolment was 130; mission offering was \$44.07. Rev. H. G. West, Sr., is pastor.

by the churches and pastors, to provide the funds for promoting evangelism. Every-Member Canvass each year, led missions, schools, orphanages, and hospitals. Is this scriptural? "Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house . . . and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). "Upon the first day of the week (our Sunday) let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come" (1 Cor. 16:2).

Conclusion: Now, fellow Baptists, everywhere, in country and hamlet, in town and city, since this Co-operative Program is scriptural in its objectives, agencies, and principles of administration, ought we not, one and all, to back it with our prayers and money? Everything we are commanded by our Lord to do is included in this plan of working together. It distributes to each cause or agency according to its importance and its relative needs. It gives every Baptists and every church a chance to have some part every month in the whole program of our Master. Safe, sane, scriptural, and economical, it has already brought greater good to our Baptist cause than any other plan ever used.

work in Mississippi.

GOD'S MESSAGE TO ME

1. "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Leviticus 27:30.
2. This (the paying of the tithe) ought ye to have done. Jesus, Matthew 23:23.
3. "Vow (pledge) and pay unto the Lord your God." Psalm 76:11.
4. "Upon the first day of the week let

everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." 1 Corinthians 16:2.

5. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that

there may be meat in mine house, and PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Cedar Grove Church at Leakesville reports that they sponsored a Camp Fire meeting at Cochran Hill.

South Side, Meridian, have had prayer meeting in the homes for the shut ins. Continued services in the County home and have sent cards to sick, absentees and new prospects.

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DR. WALTER L. JOHNSON

Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of the First Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, will fill the pulpit of First Church, Philadelphia on Sunday, August 5 in the absence of Dr. N. Q. Geer, who is on vacation. Dr. Johnson was the pastor of the Philadelphia Church for four years before going to the Arkansas pastorate. —BR—

THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA SHOULD be encouraged greatly by the fact that among our top-ranking military men there is a believer in the old-fashioned Gospel. Major General William K. Harrison, Jr., commanding officer of Fort Dix, N. J., headquarters of the Ninth Infantry Division is that man. The Sunday School Times of Philadelphia published his inspiring personal testimony early last year and has announced that in their forthcoming June 30 issue there will be an article by General Harrison, entitled, "The Hand of God in Military History." In his forthcoming article, General Harrison sets forth, clearly and convincingly, his view that God does rule and overrule the affairs of men, and his statements are supported with Scripture. It should bring comfort and renewed peace of mind to troubled believers in these perplexing days, and especially to Christian parents whose sons have been or will be taken for service in the Armed Forces.

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Protestants Will Fight . . .

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heaped upon those who resist them," he declared. "Out of a total (federal) grant of \$43,264,485 to church hospitals, \$35,925,248 was given to Catholic hospitals. . . It is time to call a halt and this is the time to call it."

In a communication to The Washington (D. C.) Post, Dr. Dawson stated that "on this issue, I would emphatically disclaim any hostility whatsoever to the Providence Hospital, an institution which will no doubt do a vast amount of good."

"In like manner, I would disavow any unfriendliness toward the church which owns and controls it," he continued. "As a firm contender for full religious liberty guaranteed every church under the Constitution, I rejoice in the right of religious denominations to erect hospitals for the healing of the sick. In fact, I believe that healing, along with evangelism and education, is an essential part of the Christian program, and therefore it is a duty of the churches insofar as they are able to provide for the scientific and religious care of the sick."

"As one of the founders of a large hospital in Waco, Tex., and long a trustee of Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, I say candidly that Baptists are in the hospital business extensively both as a means of doing good and of propagating the faith. I think, that all denominations would concede that for themselves. Certainly, the Roman Catholic Hospital Association for the United States last year in Milwaukee admitted as much when its spokesman, Bishop Alter of Toledo, said, 'The Catholic hospital appropriately cannot be called a non-sectarian institution.'"

"The query arises: Is a grant, or gift, or allocation of tax funds by a state, or by the federal government, to a hospital owned, controlled and operated by a sectarian religious organization, a violation of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as interpreted by Supreme Court of the United States? Specifically, is a grant, or gift, or allocation of tax funds under the provisions of the 'Hospital Survey and Constitution Act,' sometimes referred to as the Hill-Burton Act, to a hospital owned, controlled, and operated by a sectarian religious organization, a violation of said amendment as interpreted by the Supreme Court?"

"It is my opinion, after careful counsels with attorneys concerning the decisions of the Supreme Court, that a grant, or gift, or allocation of tax funds to a hospital owned, controlled and operated by a sectarian religious organization, as contemplated or permitted by the Hill-Burton Act, is a clear violation of the provisions of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

"It is undeniable that a hospital owned, controlled, and operated by a sectarian religious organization is a religious activity, which the Supreme Court clearly says cannot be supported by tax funds. Such a hospital is an integral part of the ministry of a religious organization, and is one of its most persuasive and effective means of propagating its faith. As a distinctive religious activity, it falls clearly within the inhibitions of the Supreme Court with regards to its support or aid by tax funds."

"In the conviction that the Constitution, as thus construed by the United States Supreme Court, should be faithfully upheld in the interest of all, Baptists have consistently declined all government aid for their hospitals. . . I

Sparks and Splinters

NEW HOPE CHURCH, SUNFLOWER County, will begin their revival August 5 with Rev. Paul Kolb, pastor, doing the preaching. Max Phillips will direct the singing and Mrs. Max Phillips will serve as pianist.

THE BAPTIST RECORD appreciates a copy of the attractive bulletin giving a brief pictorial outline of the leadership and development of the Broadman Press, publishing division of the Sunday School Board. Dr. William J. Fallis is the well beloved book editor. The first book published by the press was "The Story of Yates the Missionary," by Charles E. Taylor. Pictures of the book store managers add to the attractiveness of the book as well as helping to improve its looks. Editor Fallis and his associates promise us even better in the days to come. They are always seeking good manuscripts.

A Prisoner Of War . . .

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who had four men to help him direct Baptist affairs in the land. No person under 18 years of age could be baptized, and then only after being investigated by the secret police for a year. Baptisms could be performed only inside places used for worship. Many churches had no baptistry. Once again taxes were imposed on churches. Halls used for worship were also used for political meetings. Baptists would like to get places of their own, but this is very difficult. Preachers and singers in choirs were taxed. If they paid, they were suspected of receiving money from America or England, or of belonging to the bourgeois class. If they did not pay, they forbidden to preach or sing. Preachers were required to submit their sermons to the censor. Spies attended services in most of the churches. If preachers preached in such a way as to induce people to join church, this was called propaganda. And religious propaganda is not allowed.

Orthodox priests were placed under the same restrictions as the Baptist pastors. They were not allowed to baptize persons under 18 years of age and then only after permission by the secret police. Priests could accompany the dead to the gates of the cemeteries and had then to leave the graveyard. In this way they were hindered from performing funeral rites. Priests were also taxed.

It looked as if the Soviets were determined to push the churches back into the position they occupied in 1941. During the war, restrictions were relaxed. But the churches expect more restrictions than ever in the future. The state did everything possible to prevent the churches from gaining an influence over young people. In the cities it was possible to prevent the youth from attending church but in the villages and in the country there never were as many young people attending both Orthodox and Baptist services. But the believers feared that the terrible "old times" were returning.

should like to warn churches that in overriding the American Constitution and its cherished principle of separation of church and state, they are heaping up troubles for themselves. The general public will not stand for unconscionable abuses in respect to this. The people will agree with Thomas Jefferson that it is a sin to compel a man to pay taxes to propagate a faith he does not believe in."

COUNTY LINE CHURCH IN RANKIN

County enrolled 75 in Vacation Bible School. Rev. H. L. Kinmon is pastor. Mrs. Noel Ponder served as principal with the following as department superintendents: Mrs. L. J. Smith, Intermediate; Mrs. Grady Stevens, Junior; Mrs. Mae Thompson, Primary; and Mrs. B. J. Lovette, Beginner. The film "Journey Through Faith" was shown at the close of the school.

AT THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL held at McLaurin Church in Forrest County, there was an enrolment of 102. Rev. John M. Evans is pastor.

THERE WERE 40 ENROLLED AT THE Vacation Bible School at Mt. Tabor Church, Calhoun County. The mission offering was \$10.81. Miss Dimple Ann Childress served as principal. Rev. A. H. Childress is pastor.

THERE WERE 13 ADDITIONS TO the church, all by baptism, during the recent revival at Corinth Church, Leake County. Rev. Paul McDonald is pastor. Rev. Allen Johnson did the preaching.

THERE WERE 112 ENROLLED AT the Vacation Bible School at Antioch Church in Neshoba County. Rev. Percy L. Williams, pastor, served as principal. Mrs. W. L. McKinnin was secretary. Department superintendents were: Mrs. Allen Herrington, Intermediate; Mrs. Virgil Rigdon, Junior; Miss Nancy Myers, Primary; and Miss Gertrude Rucker, Beginner. The mission offering of \$16.00 was designated for foreign missions.

REV. J. L. MORGAN, PASTOR OF Eastview Church in Meridian, was the evangelist for the revival at Antioch Church in Neshoba County of which Rev. Percy L. Williams is pastor. There were 17 additions, 16 by baptism. One surrendered for mission work.

HOME COMING DAY OF BETHLE- hem Church, Jones County, was held July 23 which was also the first day of the revival. Rev. Clyde Gordon of New Palestine Church of Picayune was the evangelist. The music was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Balch. A special collection, which amounted to \$1,262.77, will go into the Building Fund for the proposed new educational building. Rev. A. N. Abernethy is pastor.

MONTGOMERY CHURCH IN LIN- coln County completed their Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 76. Mrs. W. R. Swenson was principal. Serving with Mrs. Swenson and Rev. W. R. Swenson, pastor, were the following department superintendents: Mrs. Loy Brown, Primary; Mrs. Gordon Brumfield, Beginners; Mrs. Winifred Moak, Juniors; and Mrs. Mildred Brown, Intermediates. Mrs. C. H. Moak was in charge of the handwork. A mission offering of \$5.00 was designated for Home Missions.

REV. HAROLD DOUGLAS, PASTOR at Moak's Creek Church in Lincoln County, states that there are six young people from this church now in training for definite Christian service. During the revival with Dr. Sam Rushing as the guest evangelist, Carolyn Thornhill, Margaret Brumfield, and Rebecca Price dedicated their lives to Christian service. Previously, Miss Syble Thornhill, indicated a desire to go to the foreign mission field as a dietitian. Tommy Leo Martin and Eugene Price surrendered to the ministry.

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Church Membership . . .

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with Methodism's 143,078. The new Southern Baptist total is 7,079,889.

(Editor's Note: The figures above for the Methodist church include the United States. While figures for Southern Baptists include only a part of the United States. Add the Northern Baptists, and the two Negro Baptist conventions and the Baptist total is 15,682,356.)

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE

Baptist Building were: Dr. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Dr. Chas. L. McKay, Pascagoula; Rev. W. E. Palmer, Iuka; Rev. C. C. Perry, Glens; Rev. O. N. Puckett, Belmont; Rev. Hansel Russell, Iuka; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beasley, Vicksburg; Rev. Wallace Harrell, Pascagoula; Ernest Steelman, Pascagoula; Rev. Percy Magee, Valden; Rev. C. B. Blackwell, DeSoto; Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, Delta City; R. C. Maxey, Delta City; Rev. J. F. Breed, New Hebron; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Kosciusko; Rev. Frank Armstrong, Gunnison; Rev. Joe Stovall, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Rayford Moore, Wesson; Perry Massey, Wesson; Rev. R. H. Gordon, Camden; Mrs. Louise Hale, Camden; Mrs. D. T. Gober, Camden; Mrs. Wesley Hamilton, Camden; Mrs. J. P. Sumner, Pelahatchie; Rev. J. Thomas Toler, Silver Creek; Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello; H. E. Nelson, Monticello; Rev. J. B. Watkins, Newhebron; Rev. Martin Douglas, Wesson; Rev. K. Z. Stevens, Columbus; Mrs. J. W. Nettles, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. Parkes Marler, Newhebron; Colon Cliburn, Newhebron; Dr. Roy Beaman, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. H. Young, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rhodes, Columbus; Joyce Rhodes, Columbus; Bettie Thompson, Ethel; Klemis Thompson, Ethel; Mrs. T. B. Thompson, Ethel; Alton B. Yarbrough, Laurel; R. G. Patterson, Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carden, Memphis, Tenn.; Bill Carden, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Charles Everitt, Merigold; J. D. Watford, Boyle; Rev. F. L. Warren, Shaw; Rev. J. P. Hollingworth, Shaw.

SMYRNA CHURCH IN COPIAH County will begin their revival August 5 with Rev. R. C. Holcomb, of Hazlehurst, doing the preaching. Johnny Lee Taylor, of Crystal Springs, will be in charge of the music. Sunday dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. H. A. Thrasher is pastor.

IRENE CHAPEL CHURCH OF HAT- tiesburg enrolled 61 in Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Cleo Byrd served as principal. Rev. Ray Paul Raddin is pastor.

DR. ROY O. BEAMAN, PROFESSOR of Archaeology and New Testament Greek at New Orleans Seminary, will be the evangelist at the revival at Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, August 5-12. On August 5, dinner will be served at the church. Each evening following the service he will show pictures and lecture on his trip to the Holy Land. Rev. L. Parkes Marler is pastor.

CORINTH CHURCH IN LEAKE COUN- ty had 50 enrolled at the Vacation Bible School. Miss Barbara Swor of Antioch Church in Rankin County was principal. The following were department superintendents: Mrs. Truitt Williamson, Intermediate; Miss Mildred Jones, Junior; Miss Hazel Walker, Primary; and Miss Hall, Beginners. Rev. Paul McDonald is pastor.

THE ENROLMENT AT THE VACA- tion Bible school at Bethel Church, Mississippi Association, was 123. The mission offering of \$22.38 was sent to the Cooperative Program. The pastor, Rev. Gordon Griffin, served as principal, and helping him as department superintendents were the following: Mrs. Virginia Duck, Beginners; Mrs. C. A. Bates, Primary; Mrs. Cecil Mae Pierce, Junior; and Mrs. Matt Duck, Intermediate.

REV. PAUL W. KOLB, PASTOR, served as principal of the Vacation Bible School at New Hope Church in Sunflower County. There was an enrolment of 115. Department superintendents were: Miss Kathryn Bibb, Beginners; Mrs. Bobby West, Juniors; Mrs. T. A. Parks, Intermediate. The mission offering of \$12.77 was designated to the Cooperative Program.

THERE WERE 48 ENROLLED AT Ridgeland Church, Madison County. Mrs. J. M. Stout served as principal. Rev. Casrell Starkey is pastor.

-- BAPTIST TRAINING UNION --

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An Interesting Study Of Our Churches

From the office of Dr. Porter Routh comes the interesting study of our Baptist churches in Mississippi. The percentage of churches with a training union is 77%. 98½% of the city churches have a union, 84.6% town churches have a union, 69.3% village churches have a union, 55% open country churches have a union. 96% of the Brotherhoods are in churches with a training union. 95.7% of the churches with a W. M. U. are in the churches that have a training union. 90% of the Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in churches that have a training union. 86.2% of the Sunday Schools are in churches that have a training union. 84.2% of all baptisms were in churches that have a training union. 84% of the resident church members belong to churches that have a training union. These are interesting figures and we appreciate this services.

An Associational Monthly Bulletin

A monthly bulletin for your associational Training Union will be a means of keeping all dates of meetings, etc., before the people. It furnishes a simple way of getting the facts about the work of the churches. It enlists cooperation, and it serves as a monthly visitor of the director to every church. Before me is a copy of the Hinds Co. Bulletin. Until the last few months this was a mimeographed sheet. But now it is printed as one of the members of the staff makes the printing come as cheap as the mimeographing was. Here are some headlines such as you will want in your bulletin—Directors Message—This includes a word about the enlargement campaign being planned this fall; a word about their extension program, and also a word about Missionary projects. It announces the appointment of a Nominating Committee that will, at the next meeting, make nominations for officers for next year. It has "Echoes from the Tournament Meeting," or as we usually speak of it as the elimination contests. It gives a list of churches with number attending the meeting from each church. It announces the Associational Officers and Leaders Council which is to meet Aug. 9. This is the June issue and so announced both the District Training Union Convention and the Training Union Assembly at Camp Garaywa. It has an Honor Roll of the churches. Have a Bulletin even though it be just a one sheet paper. Have someone who "knows how" to cut the stencil so it will be a clear, readable paper. Do not crowd it. Make the paragraphs brief. Send out enough copies so nearly every training union member can have a copy.

What about an all church picnic in August!!! Or at least an All Training Union Picnic. If it can't be an all day affair, or even an afternoon and evening affair, make it an evening affair. A watermelon cutting might be the answer.

A Good Film Will Serve A Good Purpose

Churches will do well to make their programs attractive during the summer months. Yes all months for that matter, but we think of the summer months as the "slump" months. Just a suggestion, but a good religious film will help. At our assembly the Baptist Book Store, through two members of their staff, Miss Myrtis Foster, and

Bobby Joe Hearn, made no little contribution by showing a good film each night. We heartily recommend all of those we saw.

BIBLE ON THE TABLE—This film emphasizes the Family Altar and shows how one family came to this important practice through the son in the family, who, when delivering groceries saw "A Bible on the Table." It is a great lesson in picture.

A Stranger at Our Door, Rolling Stone, Creation, Birthday Party, Return to Faith, and In His Name. The last named is exceptionally good. Along with the films Miss Foster used a large number of slides. The Book Store has a good library of slides and films and will be glad to send you a list upon request.

Missionary Activity

Could you do a better thing as a missionary act than to help one or more of the 23% of our churches in Mississippi who do not have a training union, to organize one?

It may be a small church. It may be so small that they could only have one union. It might be that this one union would have all ages in it, but even so a union like that can be a great blessing to the entire community. Teach them a study course. Start them right.

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THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN CHINA has stepped up its persecution of Christian groups in China. Nearly all missionaries have been forced to leave the country and Chinese Christian leaders have been forced to attend Communist propaganda schools.

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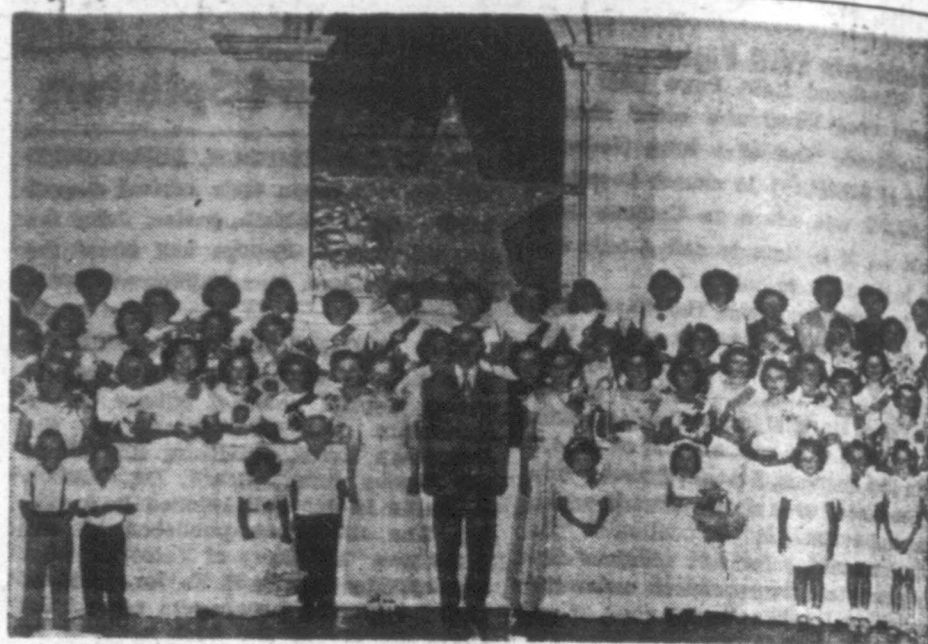
We have been saying for years that the way to educate society is to educate people, but we have limited education to infants between the ages of six and twenty-one. —Robert Hutchins.

Miscellany comments—"Find a lot of things to use in my preaching. It is one of the best publications I receive." —W. S. Allen, Pass Christian; "It is with great satisfaction that I read your BSU paper." —Lee S. Radd, Sr., Tyler Jr. College, Tyler Texas; "Am helped again and again by your publication." —Rev. K. E. Parks, Gulfport; "It gives information which Educational Directors need to know and would not know otherwise." —Ethel McKeithen, Meridian; "Couldn't do without your wonderful publication." —S. E. Maddox, Glen Allen, Va.; "Miss Miscellany means a great deal to our students." —Melba Long, Fredericksburg, Va.; "I appreciate Mississippi Miscellany and the medium of contact which it affords with B. S. U. work in our state." —Margaret Anne Nail, Jackson; "I'm an ex-Clarke student and I enjoy the Mississippi Miscellany. It keeps me posted on Miss. B. S. U. work." —Clarice Mooney, E. Texas Baptist College, Marshall; "The Miscellany is too informative to miss." —A. L. Rice, Jackson; "It is my one remaining close contact with the student program." —Dick Rollins, Clarksdale; "It is really interesting and informative for our students." —W. Milan Davis, Okolona; "Informative, Inspirational, Readable." —President, Prentiss (Miss.) Institute. (We hope others of you pastors, lay-

men, lay women, students and student workers will send your addresses so we can send you the Miscellany too. It's free. —C.W.H.)

POTPOURRI

Again we urge our pastors and home churches to give the right sort of send-off to your students by having an Off-to-College Day in your church sometime (maybe a Wednesday or a Sunday) this month. . . . At Pearl River Jr., students are being contacted weekly about joining the unit organizations of the BSU. One recently joined the Poplarville Church from P. R. C. . . . Midsummer Vespers, sponsored by the BSU, were recently held at Clarke with a large number of students participating. . . . Ga. Tech has a Student Center Fund of about \$1,000 which is growing from month to month. Several Miss. BSU's are talking Student Centers. . . . Among those to be at Convention, Miss. State, Nov. 2-4, are: W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; E. Lofton Hudson, Kansas City; R. H. Spire, Jr., Miss. College; Chester L. Quarles, Jackson; Harry Lee Spencer, Jackson; William Hall Preston, Nashville; Udell Smith, Alexandria, La.; S. R. Woodson, Columbus; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Sam Hill, Jr., Georgetown, Ky.; Purser Hewitt, Jackson; Griffin Henderson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Bob Entekin, Champaign, Ill. Others are to be invited. . . . We're sorry to lose Roy Brigrance as BSU Sec'y at Perkinson Jr. Roy is to attend Louisville Seminary. We pray God's best for him. . . . Don't forget State Pre-School Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Aug. 25-27.



Shown above are those who participated in the Coronation Service at Crestwood Church, Jackson. Carol Dean Bryant, Fern Byrd, Joyce Simpson, Bobbie Wright and Jewel Barlow were crowned Queens and 45 others were recognized and given the insignia of their step. Mrs. Hubert Street of Clinton had charge of the service. Councillors having part in the service were: Mrs. L. W. Miller, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. J. W. Ragsdale, Mrs. L. S. Polk, Mrs. Eugene White, Mrs. Golden Sones, Mrs. Herman Fortune, Mrs. Oscar Bates, Mrs. Clarence Greer, Mrs. Ed Pickens, Mrs. R. G. Brown and Mrs. Hubert Street. Also pictured are Pastor and Mrs. L. Gordon Sansing. Mrs. A. S. Netherton, young peoples leader, and Miss Bessie Lee Bates, Queen, are missing from the picture.

Applications Due August 10 For Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—(BP)—Application for admission to the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, for the fall semester must be in the office of the Seminary before August 10, Joseph R. Robinson, comptroller, announces.

September 10 is the date set for matriculation for the 1951-52 session. Classes

will begin September 12 with the opening convocation the same day, according to Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president.

Married students applying outnumber single ones eight to one, most of them with children. The majority have some previous pastoral experience.

In addition to the president and comptroller the faculty includes Dr. J. Leo Green, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, formerly of Gainesville, Florida; Dr. J. B. Hipps, professor of Missions, former professor in the University of Shanghai; and W. C. Strickland, professor of New Testament and Greek, from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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FRESNO, CALIF.—(BP)—DEATH was no respecter of persons again when a carload of Baptists from the Dos Palos Church were involved in a three-car accident on their way to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June. Two women, a baby girl and a five-year-old boy were killed. The driver of the car, husband of one of the women and father of the little girl, was seriously injured. He is a deacon in the Dos Palos Church. Also in the car were two other children who were not injured so seriously and are recovering rapidly.

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CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN EARNING A LIVING.

Bible Texts: Luke 12:13-21; II Thessalonians 3:7-10.

Jesus had a deep concern as to what money, wealth, possession of property, could do to the souls of men. Jesus was keenly conscious of the importance of prayer, the forgiving spirit, and a number of other spiritual exercises in the development of the Christian character; but He had more to say on the subject of the getting of wealth and the stewardship of wealth than upon any other subject concerned with the development of the Christian character.

And this He did because the world is so much with us. The needs of the body, the wants of the body, the ambitions of the natural mind and heart make the matter of the things which affect it as clothes and drink and food and the pleasures of the social life do, exert a never-ceasing pressure upon the whole life. The capacity of this constant pressure to influence the whole life, the spiritual life, every day and in every way, makes the matter of keeping the desire for things in its proper place in the life.

The Lord deals with all matters that affect our living because they all have potency for serious consequences in our relationships with heaven. But the implications which underline the lessons He teaches in the passage from Luke point to the great contrast which exists between the value of things temporal and things eternal.

So the parable of this farmer who fed his soul on corn is given to teach that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions of outward and material things, but in peace of mind at rest in the Lord, earnestness of Godly purpose, the joy that comes from the heart in tune with the heart of the loving God. Earnest as was our Lord to bring about economic justice and to encourage fair and honest dealings among men. He realized that all this sort of thing follows the changes of men's changing hearts. He knew that the secret of making and keeping men in right relation to God, and so in right relation to everything else, does not lie in making brothers, divide what they have with other brothers, whether they live in the first century of the twentieth, but in renewing the brothers' hearts till they become willing to divide.

Now the trouble with the foolish farmer was that he set himself at the center of the universe. All he did or thought or said, had himself as chief objective and his physical welfare as the prime consideration. Let us take a glance at him as the Lord presents him here.

I. THE FARMER WAS SELF-CENTERED
We have just said this. Now we repeat it. Did you ever read so short a speech with so many pronouns of the first person singular in it? "What shall I do? ... I have no where to bestow. ... This will I do. ... I will pull down. ... I will build. ... I will say to my soul."

II. HE PROPOSED TO GET ALONG WITHOUT GOD
Not one word of God: Not one syllable of gratitude to Him for abundant crop, not one word of dedication of a portion of his gains to God, not one syllable of acknowledgement of obligation to Him. Now, you can't get along without God. He is here about you and me in everything. What should we breathe except God's good air? With what should we quench the thirst but for God's good water? What food should we eat but

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MUSIC WEEK AS MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

REGISTRATION: Registration blanks are attached to the programs. These programs have been mailed to all of the people on the music mailing list. If you have not received a registration blank, and desire to register for this school, mail a penny post card immediately to the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Please give your name, address and whether intermediate, young people or adult, and state whether you desire a room reservation in the dormitory at Mississippi College. Such a card will serve as a registration for you. It is important for us to know how many people to expect, but in case individuals who will not know until the last minute whether he or she will be able to attend, we will be happy to have such individuals come on to Clinton Monday, August 6. We will see that a room will be secured.

WHAT TO BRING: Each person staying in the dormitory will bring the following items: sheets, pillow cases, soap, towels and other personal articles. If you have a copy of The Messiah, please bring it.

ROOM ASSIGNMENT: Rooms will be assigned Monday, August 6, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Please come to the Clinton Baptist Church where you will be

that which God provides? Where should we walk but upon God's good earth? Whence should we bring sincere love except the infinite loving heart of the eternal God? This God is "Him with whom we have to do." We HAVE to do with Him, I tell you! And any man who tries to live apart from God and independently of Him is just a plain fool!

III. HE FELT ASSURED OF MANY YEARS OF LIFE

"Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years." Let me ask you, my friend, who told you that you would be alive on your next birthday? I sometimes say, as I said only last evening, "When this service is ended, I am going home," meaning to my residence here on the edge of Clinton, but I did not know I should ever reach it.

An accident on the road and sudden death! A heart grown weary of long years of constant throbbing sometimes just stops, and the friends of a given man say the last good-bye. God's summons away from these earthly scenes may come from any one of a thousand sources and at any moment of God's day or night. You and I do well to make arrangements first. Then when the summons comes whether at sunrise or at night's low noon, it may be well with us.

IV. THE FARMER PROPOSED TO FEED HIS SOUL ON CORN

But a man can't feed his soul on corn. Souls do not eat corn! Corn is pretty good hog feed and it will do first rate for a mule. But the human soul, spiritual, eternal, is not nourished on material stuff of any sort. The soul came from the breath of God and is like unto Him.

The soul clothes itself in a robe of God's own righteousness! The soul feeds on the bread of God which came down from heaven. The soul drinks of the cup of the Spirit of the Living God. The soul delights itself in God, and not in Bacchanalian revel.

The plainest and most palatable of all foods is the food who thinks to make his soul content to eat the husks of this material world. To give the soul a chance to bask itself in the radiant sunlight of the presence of God, to hearken the word of God, to walk in the light of God, this is the true sublime of human life.

assigned to your room and receive other instructions. The first session is at 4:00 p. m. in the Clinton Baptist Church, and we hope everyone will be present for these first two events.

OPPORTUNITY: This wonderful opportunity is open to adult choir members and church music leadership, intermediates and young people. We hope to have a choir of 100 intermediates, 75 young people, and 100 adults. Room and board will be \$11.50 for the week.

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MUSIC EMPHASIS WEEK HELD IN ALCORN ASSOCIATION

A County-wide Music Emphasis program for Alcorn County began on Monday, July 16, and closed on Sunday, July 22, with a County-wide Hymn Festival. During the week classes were held at night, with several churches participating. The book "Practical Music Lessons" was taught and 110 people were enrolled. The meetings were held at the Tate Street Church. Reverend Glen Smith is pastor. Rev. R. B. Patterson, associational missionary; Mr. Guy Modling, associational music director, and Rev. Glen Smith were responsible for the splendid event in Alcorn County. The music festival on Sunday afternoon was well attended.

THERE WERE 14 ADDITIONS BY baptism during the recent revival at Ingomar Church in Union County. Two surrendered to special service. Rev. J. R. Davis of New Albany was the visiting minister and Rev. H. G. West, Sr., is pastor.

IS LUCEDALE SECRETARY



MISS ELIZABETH McELROY

Miss Elizabeth McElroy, of Baldwin, has recently gone to Lucedale Church as Educational Secretary. Rev. Van H. Hardin is pastor. A graduate of Baldwin High School, she received her B. A. degree in Religious Education from Mississippi College. Miss McElroy has done special work with the Sunday School Board. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. McElroy of Baldwin.

THERE WERE 16 ENROLLED AT THE Vacation Bible School at Bassfield Church. Rev. R. R. Darby is pastor. The mission offering was sent to Rev. Robert Salemmi, student at Clarke College, who has served this church as supply.

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NOTICE

To all members of Calvary Church. The usual special page for Calvary Church appears on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

Southern Baptist Seminaries

SOUTHERN

Founded 1859 at Greenville, South Carolina, with four professors and 26 students. By 1877 the expanding West led to its more central location in Louisville, Kentucky. The school now has property worth \$5,306,101.70 and an enrollment of 1,200 students, including those in its sister institution, the W. M. U. Training School.

Acting President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is Dr. G. S. Dobbins, graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, long-time professor of religious education and church administration, author and minister.

AMERICAN

Founded 1924 in Nashville, Tennessee. It originated as a joint enterprise between the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention (Negro). The school is under the care of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary and is jointly supported by the two Conventions. Its purpose is provision of a place for the seminary education of Negro preachers. Assets total \$475,772.15.

President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary is Dr. Ralph W. Riley, graduate of Morehouse College and Gammon Theological Seminary, former president of the Sylvia Bryants Institute, minister, former Secretary of the Benefit Board of the National Baptist Convention. Representing the Southern Baptist Convention in the administration of the institution is Dr. L. S. Sedberry, Secretary of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

NEW ORLEANS

Founded 1919 as a prime mission force in the French area of South Louisiana. Its work early became so important and its student body and faculty so efficient that it was soon converted into a full-fledged seminary, continuing for years under the name of Baptist Bible Institute. In 1946 the name was changed to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Property value today stands at \$3,559,603 and enrollment at 611.

President of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, graduate of the University of Mississippi and Southern Seminary, pastor, superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, author of many books and articles.

SOUTHWESTERN

Founded 1908 at Waco, Texas. It was moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1910 and became the property of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925. The school was conceived by Dr. B. H. Carroll. It materialized one day when he was riding a train in the Texas panhandle. So enthralled was he over his vision that he stood up and talked aloud about his plans. Present enrollment is 1,687 and property value, \$3,600,000.

President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is Dr. E. D. Head, graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, former member of Baylor faculty, pastor, writer.

SOUTHEASTERN

Founded 1950 at Wake Forest, North



There were 140 enrolled at the Vacation Bible School at Glade Church, Jones County. Of this number 26 were workers. Mrs. Fred Williams was principal. Rev. Fred Williams is pastor. There were 11 additions by baptism.

I Found Them In The Liquor Store

By DR. K. O. WHITE, Pastor
First Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Someone will immediately ask, "What did you find"? I found professing Christians there. I found church members there. I found them behind the counter selling liquor!

You have a right to ask what I was doing there and I will gladly tell you. Recently we had a great county-wide revival campaign in Little Rock which was sponsored by the 65 Baptist Churches of Pulaski County. The meeting place was the Livestock Coliseum which can seat upwards of 10,000 persons. The preacher was Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

During the opening days of the campaign there came a strong conviction to my heart that I should visit the many liquor stores of our city and invite the owners and sales people to the meetings.

Accompanied by our Educational Director, Ed Markert, I set out upon a new experience. We spent the better part of two days making these contacts. It was an amazing, enlightening, discouraging and heart-sickening experience.

You might assume that those who engage in the liquor business are atheists, agnostics, scoffers and unbelievers who have no use for the church. Unfortunately it is not so!

We discovered that the woman behind the counter in the first store visited held membership in our own church although she was not known to us personally. When faced with the question as to whether or not she was happy to be in such a business she replied that it was "just about like working in a drug store"! I have a feeling that she will soon need to seek another business or another church!

Carolina, the result of action taken in the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Chicago, Illinois. The school will open in the fall of 1951. By 1956 it will occupy all of the Wake Forest Campus. Bought by the Southern Baptist Convention for \$1,500,000 to be paid for at the rate of \$300,000 annually beginning in 1951.

President-elect of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, the University of Oklahoma and Southern Seminary, pastor of churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia and North Carolina, faculty member at William Jewell College and the Southern Seminary. With the opening of the Southeastern Seminary, Southern Baptists will have achieved a complete and balanced geographical distribution of facilities for seminary education.

Another visit called forth the comment from the proprietor that he was an Episcopalian but was retiring and had just sold his business to a Baptist.

Still another brought us in contact with a woman who informed us she had her church, was an Episcopalian and had no use for us "narrow, bigoted, fanatical, hypocritical Baptists." She further informed us that she was once baptized in a Baptist Church in Little Rock, taught a Sunday school class in another Baptist church but would be most happy for us to leave her store immediately. This was the only discourteous note in the whole round of visits. Her conscience is really taking her for a ride!

Another clerk was the daughter of a Lutheran preacher. Still others were Methodists, Presbyterians, member of the Christian church and a few Catholics.

We were disturbed to note that about sixty per cent of the clerks were women. Few, if any of them, seemed to have any sort of conviction about the work in which they are engaged. Some told us they had attended the revival and enjoyed it!

May the Lord have mercy on us! When professing Christians can stand behind a counter selling the devil's poison which breaks up homes and sends souls to hell and calmly, blandly, complacently inform you that they belong to local churches, no wonder the fires of revival flicker out and the world becomes more and more indifferent to the challenge of Christ's gospel.

Yes, it grieves me beyond measure to say it, but I found them in the Liquor store and I seemed to hear a voice saying, "Lord, whence are these wounds in thine hands?" and an answering voice filled with sadness which replied, "These are they with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

GOLDEN GATE

Founded 1944 at Berkeley by Southern Baptist pastors and churches in California, primarily as a mission arm but like New Orleans, its character became note-worthy and its scholarship high. And so very soon it took on the nature of a full-fledged seminary. Supported by the California Southern Baptist Convention it rapidly expanded. In 1950 it became an SBC institution. Property value stands at \$190,000 and enrollment at 205.

President of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is Dr. B. O. Herring, graduate of Baylor University, Texas University and Southern Seminary, pastor of churches in Kentucky and Texas, faculty member at Baylor University.

—Southern Baptist Educator

Dewie E. Williams Is Hopewell Pastor

Rev. Dewie E. Williams assumed his duties as pastor of the Hopewell Church, Copiah County, August 1. A former pastor of New Zion in Leake County and Holly Springs in Marion County, he comes from the Satsuma Church, Satsuma, Ala.

During his three years at Satsuma, the church had 160 additions, 73 by baptism. The Sunday School and Training Union enrolments more than doubled, finances increased by 100 per cent, and a two-story educational building was constructed and paid for.

While at Hopewell he will complete his work at Mississippi College.

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Temple Church, Hattiesburg Has Annual Encampment

Temple Church, Hattiesburg, held its annual Encampment at Shelby State Park, July 16-20. There were 67 who camped for the week and others came for afternoon and night sessions.

Dr. H. M. Harris taught the Young People and Adults; Rev. Walter N. Hill from Stuttgart, Arkansas was in charge of the music and the camp fire services and led the Young People's conferences.

Miss Edna Earle Poyner, teacher of Bible in Greenville, S. C., taught the Intermediates, Mrs. Guy McAdory and Miss Louise Busby, of Temple, taught the Juniors and Mrs. H. M. Harris told missionary stories. Rev. Irving M. Prince, pastor, led the sunrise service.

Other inspirational speakers were: Dr. Joe T. Odle, Gulfport; Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Hazelhurst; Rev. T. R. McKibbens, Laurel; and Rev. Chester Quarles, Jackson.

There were eight professions of faith and ten dedications for definite Christian Service.

Miss Annie Averett served as camp director.

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Newton Church Installs Air Conditioning System

The people of Newton Church where Rev. R. A. Morris is pastor are enjoying cool weather this summer. They just recently installed a Chrysler Air Temp Air Conditioning system.

One hundred and twenty-two members of the WMU presented an inspirational program at the night service July 22. This was one of a series of Sunday night programs put on by organizations of the church.

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